

BOARD OF EDUCATION
TOWNSHIP OF MAURICE RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT
COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND
AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT REPORT ON
ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS-
FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED
JUNE 30, 2015

MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

Honorable President and
Members of the Board of Education
Township of Maurice River School District
County of Cumberland
Port Elizabeth, New Jersey 08348

We have audited, in accordance with generally accepted audit standards and **Government Auditing Standards** issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the basic financial statements of the Board of Education of the Township of Maurice River School District in the County of Cumberland for the year ended June 30, 2015, and have issued our report thereon dated November 16, 2015.

As part of our audit, we performed procedures required by the New Jersey Department of Education, and the findings and results thereof are disclosed on the following pages, as listed in the accompanying table of contents.

This report is intended for the information of the Maurice River Board of Education's management and the New Jersey Department of Education. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

Respectfully submitted,

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ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS - FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE

Scope of Audit

The audit covered the financial transactions of the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator and Treasurer of School Monies, the activities of the Board of Education, the records of the Student Activity Fund, Food Service Fund and Special Revenue Fund under the auspices of the Board of Education.

Administrative Practices and Procedures

Insurance

Fire insurance coverage was carried in the amounts as detailed on Exhibit J-20, Insurance Schedule, contained in the district's **CAFR**.

Official's Bonds (N.J.S.A.18A:17-26, 18A:17-32, 18A:13-13)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Patricia A. Powell	School Bus. Administrator / Board Secretary	\$ 10,000
Sharon Lamb	Treasurer of School Monies	175,000

Tuition Charges

There were charges representing payments from parents of students not residing in the school district. In addition, the board made a proper adjustment to the billings and invoices to sending districts for the decreases and increases in per pupil costs in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-17.1(f)3.

District Internal Control Policies

District boards of education and administration are responsible for developing internal controls policies and procedures and maintaining a strong internal control environment. NJAC 6A:23A-6.4 requires that the district's internal control policies include specific requirements at NJAC 6A:23A-6.5 through 6.13.

All Internal Control Policies were found in accordance with NJAC 6A:23A-6.5 through 6.13.

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

Examination of Claims

An examination of claims paid during the period under did not indicate any discrepancies with respect to signatures, certification or supporting documentation.

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Continued)

Payroll Account

The net salaries of all employees of the Board were deposited in the Payroll Account. Employees' payroll deductions and employer's share of fringe benefits were deposited in the Payroll Agency Account.

All payrolls were approved by the Superintendent and were certified by the President of the Board and the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and the Chief School Administrator.

Salary withholdings were promptly remitted to the proper agencies, including health benefits withholding due to the general fund.

Payrolls were delivered to the treasurer of school monies with a warrant made to her order for the full amount of each payroll.

Certification of Income Tax Compliance - The required certification (E-CERT1) of compliance with requirements for income tax on compensation of administrators (Superintendent and Business Administrator) to the N.J. Department of Treasury appeared to be filed by the March 15 due date.

Reserve for Encumbrances and Accounts Payable

A review of outstanding issued purchase orders was made as of June 30, 2014 for proper classification of orders as reserve for encumbrances (for goods not yet received or services not yet rendered) or accounts payable, and it was determined that open orders appeared properly classified and no blanket purchase orders were included in the balance of the reserves for encumbrances.

Obligations of federal grant awards and requests for reimbursement of Expenditures against those federal grants awards

No exceptions were noted.

Classification of Expenditures

The coding of expenditures was tested for proper classification in accordance with **N.J.A.C.** 6A:23A-16.2(f) as part of our test of transactions of randomly selected expenditure items. We also reviewed the coding of all expenditures included in our compliance and single audit testing procedures. In addition to randomly selecting a test sample, our sample selection specifically targeted administrative coding classifications to determine overall reliability and compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-8.3. As a result of the procedures performed, no errors were noted and no additional procedures were deemed necessary to test the propriety of expenditure classification.

A. General Classification Findings

None

B. Administrative Classification Findings

None

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Continued)

Board Secretary's Records

The financial records, books of accounts maintained by the Secretary were in satisfactory condition.

Acknowledgment of the Board's receipt of the Board Secretary's monthly financial reports was included in the minutes.

Monthly financial certificates of the Board Secretary and Board of Education for positive line item account status certifications (N.J.A.C. 6:2-2.13) were performed. Budgetary line item account transfers were approved monthly to cover any anticipated deficits.

Purchase orders were charged to the appropriate line item accounts in accordance with the State prescribed **Uniform Minimum Chart of Accounts (2R2) for New Jersey Public School**.

Treasurer's Records – Board Secretary's office

Board Secretary personnel prepared cash reconciliations for the general operating account, payroll account and payroll agency account per N.J.S.A.18A:17-9.

All cash receipts were promptly deposited. (N.J.S.A.18A:17-34, 18A:17-9.1)

The Treasury records were in agreement with the records of the Board Secretary.

The Treasury reports were filed in a timely manner.

Elementary and Secondary Education Act (E.S.E.A.)/Improving America's Schools Act (IASA) as reauthorized by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB)

The E.S.E.A./NCLB financial exhibits are contained within the Special Revenue Section of the **CAFR**. This section of the **CAFR** documents the financial position pertaining to the projects under Titles I and VI of the Elementary and Secondary School Improvement Act as amended and reauthorized.

Our audit of the federal and state funds, on a test basis, indicated that obligations and expenditures were incurred during the fiscal year or project period for which the project was approved.

The study of compliance for E.S.E.A. indicated no areas of noncompliance and/or questionable costs.

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Continued)

Other Special Federal and/or State Projects

The District's special projects were approved as listed on Schedule A and Schedule B located in the **CAFR**.

Our audit of the federal and state funds, on a test basis, indicated that obligations and expenditures were incurred during the fiscal year or project period for which the project was approved.

The financial exhibits are contained within the Special Revenue Section of the **CAFR**. This section of the **CAFR** documents the financial position pertaining to the aforementioned special projects.

The study of compliance for special projects indicated no areas of noncompliance.

T.P.A.F. Reimbursement

Our audit procedures included a test of the biweekly reimbursements filed with the Department of Education for district employees who are members of the Teachers Pension and Annuity Fund. No exceptions were noted.

TPAF Reimbursement to the State for Federal Salary Expenditures

The amount of the expenditure charged to the current year's Final Report(s) for all federal awards for the school district (or charter school or renaissance school project) to reimburse the State for the TPAF/FICA payments made by the State on-behalf of the school district (or charter school or renaissance school project) for those employees whose salaries are identified as being paid from federal funds was made prior to the end of the 60 day grant liquidation period required by the Office of Grants Management. The expenditure was reviewed subsequent to the reimbursement and no exceptions were noted.

School Purchasing Programs

Contracts and Agreements Requiring Advertisement for Bids

N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et seq. (Public School Contracts Law), the associated rules and related information on the statute, and school contracts in general are available on the website:
http://www.state.nj.us/dca/divisions/dlgs/programs/ps_contracts.html.

Current statute is posted on the New Jersey Legislature website at:
http://lis.njleg.state.nj.us/cgi-bin/om_isapi.dll?clientID=1319801&depth=2&expandheadings=off&headingswithhits=on&infobase=statutes.nfo&softpage=TOC_Frame_pg42

The bid thresholds in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-2 and 18A:18A-3(a) are \$36,000 (with a Qualified Purchasing Agent) and \$26,000 (without a Qualified Purchasing Agent), respectively. The law regulating bidding for public school student transportation contracts under N.J.S.A. 18A:39-3 is currently \$18,300 for 2014-15.

Contracts and Agreements Requiring Advertisement for Bids (Continued)

The District Board of Education has the responsibility of determining whether the expenditures in any category will exceed the statutory thresholds within the contract year. Where question arises as to whether any contract or agreement might result in violation of the statute, the Solicitor's opinion should be sought before a commitment is made.

Inasmuch as the system of records did not provide for an accumulation of payments for categories for the performance of any work or the furnishing or hiring of any materials or supplies, the results of such an accumulation could not reasonably be ascertained. Disbursements were reviewed, however, to determine whether any clear-cut violations existed.

Based on the results of our examination, we did not note any individual payments, contracts, or agreements made for the performance of any work or goods or services, in excess of the statutory thresholds where there had been no advertising for bids in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4, amended.

Resolutions were adopted authorizing the awarding of contracts or agreements for "Professional Services" per N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5.

The system of records did not provide for an accumulation of purchases for which the school board used contracts entered into by the State Department of Purchase and Property pursuant to Ch. 114, P.L. 1977; therefore, the extent of such purchases could not reasonably be ascertained. Our examination did reveal, however, that items were purchased from vendors approved for state contract:

I Pads	General Supplies	Computer Tablets	Copy Machines
Tires	Office Furniture	Printers	Toner
Projector	Maintenance Materials		

The review of contracts and agreements did not disclose any areas of statutory noncompliance.

Although a particular contract is exempt from the formal requirements of public advertising and competitive bidding, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-37 requires that quotations be obtained, whenever practical, for any contract less than the bid threshold but 15% or more of that amount, except for contracts for professional services. All contracts and agreements, which are subject to quotations, shall be awarded on the basis of the lowest responsible quotation received, which is most advantageous to the Board of Education, price and other factors considered.

School Food Service

The financial transactions and statistical records of the School Food Service fund were reviewed and maintained in satisfactory condition. The financial accounts, meal and milk count records and eligibility applications were reviewed on a test-check basis.

The number of meals and milks claimed for reimbursement was verified against sales and meal count records. As part of the claims review process, the edit check worksheet was completed. Reimbursement claims were submitted/certified in a timely manner.

School Food Service (Continued)

Applications for free and reduced price meals and free milks were reviewed for completeness and accuracy. The number of free and reduced price meals and free milks claimed as served for the entire school year was compared to the number of valid applications and/or to the list of directly certified students on file, times the number of operating days, on a school by school basis. The free and reduced price meal and free milk policy is uniformly administered throughout the school system which has only one site and found to be in compliance with all counting and claiming requirements. The required verification procedures for free and reduced price applications were completed and available for review.

Expenditures were separately recorded as food, labor and other costs. Vendor invoices were reviewed and costs verified. Inventory records on food supply items were currently maintained and properly applied in determining the cost of food and supplies used.

Time sheets were reviewed and labor costs verified. Payroll records were maintained on all school food service employees authorized by the Board of Education. No exceptions were noted.

The cash disbursements records reflected expenditures for program related goods and services. The appropriate revenue and expenditure records were maintained in order to substantiate the non-profit status of the school food service. Net cash resources did not exceed three months average expenditures.

The District food service management company (FSMC) is depositing and expending program monies in accordance with N.J.S.A.18A:17-34, and 19-1 through 19-4.1. Provisions of the FSMC contract/addendum were reviewed and audited. The FSMC contract does not contain any operating results guarantee.

In accordance with AICPA Statement on Auditing Standards (SAS) #70, as amended by SAS #88 and SSAE No. 16, a report on the Food Service Management Company's control structure, policies and procedures was received. This audit was performed by an independent audit firm.

Food Distribution Program commodities allocated to the Township of Maurice River School District are received and single inventory was maintained on a first in, first out basis. No exceptions were noted.

Exhibits reflecting Child Nutrition Program operations are included in the section entitled Enterprise Funds, Section G of the **CAFR**.

Net cash resources did not exceed three months average expenditures. Included on Schedule G-1 is a Reserve for the Purchase of Equipment.

Student Body Activities

The Board has a policy, which clearly established the regulation of student activity funds.

All receipts were promptly deposited.

A monthly report of student activity funds is being submitted to the Board.

Cash receipts and disbursements books were maintained in good condition.

Receipts appeared to be deposited promptly in the bank.

Vouchers and supporting invoices were maintained for the student activity fund purchases. All disbursements appeared to be supported by appropriate documentation.

Unemployment Compensation Insurance Trust Fund

The Board has adopted the direct reimbursement method and has established an Unemployment Compensation Insurance Trust Fund.

Facilities and Capital Assets

Our procedures included a review of the NJEDA grant agreements, if any, for consistency with recording NJEDA revenue, transfer of local funds from the general fund or from the capital reserve account, and awarding of contracts for eligible facilities construction. There were no NJEDA grant agreements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015.

Application for State School Aid

Our audit procedures included a test of information reported in the October 15, 2014 Application for State School Aid (A.S.S.A.) for on-roll, private schools for the handicapped and low-income. We also performed a review of the District procedures related to its completion. The information on the A.S.S.A. was compared to the District workpapers without exception. The information that was included on the workpapers was verified without exception.

The results of our procedures are presented in the Schedule of Audited Enrollment.

The District maintained workpapers on the prescribed state forms or their equivalent.

The District has adequate written procedures for the recording of student enrollment data.

Pupil Transportation

Our audit procedures included a test of on roll status reported in the 2014-15 District Report of Transported Resident Students (DRTRS). The information that was included on the DRTRS was verified to the DRTRS Eligibility Summary Report without exception. The County Summary was also verified to the District's DRTRS Eligibility Summary Report. The results of our procedures are presented in the Schedule of Audited Enrollments.

Our procedures included a review of transportation related contracts and purchases. Based on our review, the district complied with proper bidding procedures and award of contracts. The bid specifications for the purchase of buses were in compliance with applicable statutes. No exceptions were noted in our review of transportation related purchases of goods and services.

Follow-up on Prior Years' Findings

In accordance with government auditing standards, our procedures included a review of prior year recommendations. Correction action was taken on prior year findings.

Acknowledgment

We received the complete cooperation of all the officials of the school district, and we greatly appreciate the courtesies extended to the members of the audit team.

Respectfully submitted,

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SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS

**TOWNSHIP OF MAURICE RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT
APPLICATION OR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY
ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2014**

	2015-2016 APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID						SAMPLE FOR VERIFICATION						PRIVATE SCHOOLS FOR DISABLED			
	Reported On A.S.S.A. On Roll		Reported On Workpapers On Roll		Errors		Sample Selected From Workpapers		Verified per Registers On Roll		Errors per Registers On Roll		Reported On A.S.S.A. as Private Schools	Sample for Verification	Sample Verified	Sample Errors
	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared				
Full Day Preschool 4 Year Olds	26		26					12		12						
Full Day Kindergarten	34		34					16		16						
One	44		44					20		20						
Two	51		51					24		24						
Three	37		37					17		17						
Four	33		33					15		15						
Five	37		37					17		17						
Six	38		38					18		18						
Seven	32		32					15		15						
Eight	43		43					20		20						
Nine																
Ten																
Eleven																
Twelve																
Subtotal	375	0	375	0	0	0		174	0	174	0	0	0	0		0
Special Ed - Elementary	24		24					11		12						
Special Ed - Middle	25		25					12		13						
Special Ed - High													3	2	2	
Subtotal	49	0	49	0	0	0		23	0	25	0	0	0	3	2	2
Totals	424	0	424	0	0	0		197	0	199	0	0	0	3	2	2
Percentage Error					0.00%	0.00%				0.00%	0.00%					0.00%

SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS

**TOWNSHIP OF MAURICE RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT
APPLICATION OR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY
ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2014**

	<u>Resident Low Income</u>			<u>Sample for Verification</u>			<u>Resident LEP Low Income</u>			<u>Sample for Verification</u>		
	Reported On A.S.S.A. as Low Income	Reported On Workpapers as Low Income	Errors	Sample Selected From Workpapers	Verified to Application and Register	Sample Errors	Reported on A.S.S.A. as LEP Low Income	Reported on Workpapers as LEP Low Income	Errors	Sample Selected From Workpapers	Verified to Test Score and Register	Sample Errors
Half Day Preschool 4 Year Olds												
Full Day Kindergarten	17	17		10	10							
One	21	21		12	12							
Two	25	25		14	14							
Three	17	17		10	10							
Four	14	14		8	8							
Five	15	15		9	9							
Six	13	13		7	7		1	1		1	1	
Seven	12	12		7	7							
Eight	9	9		5	5							
Nine												
Ten												
Eleven												
Twelve												
Subtotal	143	143	0	82	82	0	1	1	0	1	1	0
Special Ed - Elementary	20	20		11	11							
Special Ed - Middle	13	13		7	7							
Special Ed - High												
Subtotal	33	33	0	18	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Co. Voc. - Regular												
Co. Voc. Ft. Post Sec.												
Totals	176	176	0	100	100	0	1	1	0	1	1	0
Percentage Error			<u>0.00%</u>			<u>0.00%</u>			<u>0.00%</u>			<u>0.00%</u>

TRANSPORTATION

	Reported on DRTRS by DOE/County	Reported on DRTRS by District	Errors	Tested	Verified	Errors	Avg. Mileage - Regular Including Grade PK students	Avg. Mileage - Regular Excluding Grade PK students	Avg. Mileage - Special Ed with Special Needs	Reported	Re-Calculated
Reg. - Public Schools	356	356		156	156					7.6	
Reg. - Special Ed.	49	49		21	21					7.7	
Transported - Non-Public											
Aid in Lieu - Non-Public	11	11		5	5						
Special Needs - Public	34	34		15	15					15.9	
Totals	450	450	0	197	197	0					
Percentage Error						<u>0.00%</u>					

SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS

TOWNSHIP OF MAURICE RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT
APPLICATION OR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY
ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2014

	<u>Resident LEP NOT Low Income</u>			<u>Sample for Verification</u>		
	<u>Report On A.S.S.A. as NOT Low Income</u>	<u>Report On Workpapers as NOT Low Income</u>	<u>Errors</u>	<u>Sample Selected From Workpapers</u>	<u>Verified to Application and Register</u>	<u>Sample Errors</u>
Half Day Preschool 4 Year Olds						
Full Day Kindergarten						
One						
Two						
Three						
Four						
Five						
Six						
Seven						
Eight						
Subtotal	0	0	0	0	0	0
Special Ed - Elementary						
Special Ed - Middle						
Special Ed - High						
Subtotal	0	0	0	0	0	0
Co. Voc. - Regular						
Co. Voc. Ft. Post Sec.						
Totals	0	0	0	0	0	0
Percentage Error			<u>0.00%</u>			<u>0.00%</u>

TOWNSHIP OF MAURICE RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT
EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION

SECTION 1

A. 2% Calculation of Excess Surplus

2014-15 Total General Fund Expenditures per the CAFR	\$ <u>7,861,738</u> (B)
Increased by:	
Transfer from Capital Outlay to Capital Projects Fund	<u> </u> (B1a)
Transfer from Capital Reserve to Capital Projects Fund	<u> </u> (B1b)
Transfer from General Fund to SRF for PreK-Regular	<u> </u> (B1c)
Transfer from General Fund to SRF for PreK-Inclusion	<u> </u> (B1d)
Decreased by:	
On-Behalf TPAF Pension & Social Security	<u>525,731</u> (B2a)
Assets Acquired Under Capital Leases	<u> </u> (B2b)
 Adjusted 14-15 General Fund Expenditures [(B)+(B1s)-(B2s)]	 <u>7,336,007</u> (B3)
 2% of Adjusted 2014-15 General Fund Expenditures [(B3) times .02]	 <u>146,720</u> (B4)
Enter Greater of (B4) or \$250,000	<u>250,000</u> (B5)
Increased by: Allowable Adjustment*	<u>19,819</u> (K)
 Maximum Unassigned/Undesignated-Unreserved Fund Balance[(B5)+(K)]	 \$ <u>269,819</u> (M)

SECTION 2

Total General Fund - Fund Balances @ 6-30-15 (Per CAFR Budgetary Comparison Schedule C-1)	\$ <u>1,615,983</u> (C)
Decreased by:	
Year-end Encumbrances	<u>223,760</u> (C1)
Legally Restricted - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	<u>335,000</u> (C2)
Legally Restricted - Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures**	<u>-</u> (C3)
Other Restricted Fund Balances****	<u>787,004</u> (C4)
Assigned Fund balance Unreserved - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	<u>73,248</u> (C5)
 Total Unassigned Fund Balance [(C)-(C1)-(C2)-(C3)-(C4)-(C5)]	 \$ <u>196,971</u> (U1)

